

CC.II The percentage of eligible infants with disabilities under the age of one that are receiving Part C services is comparable with state and national data.

1. Baseline/Trend Data and Analysis: (for reporting period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)

| National Comparison Birth to Age 1 | |
|---|-------|
| National (December 1, 2002)* | 1.03% |
| Missouri (December 1, 2002)* | 0.55% |
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| MO Self Assessment (October 2002) | 0.48% |
| Missouri (June 30, 2003) | 0.63% |
| Missouri (December 31, 2003) | 0.68% |

* % Based on 2002 Population Estimates

Sources: US DOE, OSEP, Data Analysis System (DANS); SuperSPOE database as of 2/22/04

**Percentage of all children under the age of one receiving services 12/1/2002
(Excludes at-risk)**

States with Narrow Eligibility Criteria

| State | Percentage |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Oklahoma | 1.33% |
| Montana | 1.20% |
| North Dakota | 0.85% |
| Alaska | 0.83% |
| Missouri | 0.56% |
| Arizona | 0.53% |
| Nevada | 0.35% |
| District of Columbia | 0.32% |

Active Infants and Toddlers less than 1-year old with an IFSP in Comparison to Census Total as of 6/30/2003

| SPOE Regions | | Total <1 year old | <1 yr Census Total | Active IFSP % of population |
|---|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| St. Louis (Region #2) | Urban | 112 | 16,773 | 0.67% |
| St. Charles (Region #1) | Urban | 35 | 4,109 | 0.85% |
| Atchison area (Region #4) | Rural | 4 | 650 | 0.62% |
| Platte/Clay/Ray (Region #6) | Near Urban | 30 | 3,879 | 0.77% |
| Andrew (St. Joseph) (Region #5) | Rural | 12 | 1,789 | 0.67% |
| SE MO (Region #7, 21, 23) | Rural | 32 | 5,238 | 0.61% |
| Kirksville (Region #8) | Rural | 7 | 820 | 0.85% |
| Kansas City (Region #9) | Urban | 49 | 9,391 | 0.52% |
| Sedalia (Region #10) | Rural | 4 | 2,125 | 0.19% |
| Columbia (Region #11) | Small Urban | 32 | 3,111 | 1.03% |
| SW MO (Region #12, 14, 15) | Rural | 33 | 6,456 | 0.51% |
| Springfield (Region #13) | Small Urban | 28 | 4,645 | 0.60% |
| Jefferson City (Region #16) | Rural | 13 | 1,940 | 0.67% |
| Camdenton/Rolla (Region #17) | Rural | 13 | 2,143 | 0.61% |
| Union (Region #19) | Rural | 7 | 1,422 | 0.49% |
| Cuba (Region #20) | Rural | 4 | 804 | 0.50% |
| S Central MO / West Plains (Region #18, 22) | Rural | 10 | 2,133 | 0.47% |
| N Central MO (Region #24) | Rural | 2 | 670 | 0.30% |
| Shelby (Region #25) | Rural | 4 | 708 | 0.56% |
| Montgomery City (Region #26) | Rural | 11 | 1,172 | 0.94% |
| Jefferson County (Region #3) | Near Urban | 20 | 2,864 | 0.70% |
| Grand Total | | 462 | 72,842 | 0.63% |

* 2000 Census

Source: SuperSPOE database as of 2/22/04

Count of Referral Sources - Children with Referral Date Before Their 1st Birthday

| Source | 6/30/2003 | % |
|--|--------------|----------------|
| Child Care program/provider | 82 | 4.38% |
| Dept. of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) | 1 | 0.05% |
| Dept. of Mental Health (DMH) | 651 | 34.78% |
| Head Start / Early Head Start | 96 | 5.13% |
| Hospital (other than NICU) | 51 | 2.72% |
| Missouri School for the Blind (MSB) | 1 | 0.05% |
| Missouri School for the Deaf (MSD) | 0 | 0.00% |
| Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) | 44 | 2.35% |
| Other health care provider | 7 | 0.37% |
| Other LEA program | 234 | 12.50% |
| Parent | 110 | 5.88% |
| Physician (MD, DO, Psychiatrist, Psychologist) | 211 | 11.27% |
| Public Health facilities/providers | 2 | 0.11% |
| Parents as Teachers | 12 | 0.64% |
| Social Service Agency (inc. DFS) | 55 | 2.94% |
| Other Referral Source | 315 | 16.83% |
| Total | 1,872 | 100.00% |

Source: SuperSPOE database as of 2/22/04

* A large number of the referrals from "Other LEA Program" and "Other Referral Source" were for children who were converted to the new system. No additional information is available on these referrals, but more current data shows that the percentages in these categories are decreasing.

Findings:

- In general, the count of children under the age of one with active IFSPs has been increasing and data show that Missouri has reached the benchmark set for the December 1, 2003 child count, however the percentage of infants under the age of one served is not approaching national averages. It is important to keep in mind that the Missouri First Steps program does not serve children at-risk and has narrow eligibility criteria. However, comparison to other states with narrow eligibility criteria shows Missouri to have the fourth lowest percentage of children served. Across all eligibility criteria, twelve states have percentages served less than Missouri.
- The percentage of children served in the First Steps program varies across SPOEs. Compared to all children birth through age two, there is less of a correlation between urban and rural areas and the percent of infants served
- Compared to referral sources for all infants and toddlers, referrals for the infants under age one tend to come from DMH and neonatal intensive care units (NICUs) and physicians and fewer from parents. The number of referrals from NICUs is a relatively low percent. We need to work with the NICUs to ensure that all appropriate referrals are being made.

2. Targets: (for reporting period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)

Targets had not been established for 2002-2003. Targets were established in conjunction with the Improvement Plan which was submitted July 1, 2003.

3. Explanation of Progress or Slippage: (for reporting period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003)

Local Interagency Coordinating Councils (LICC) can have a large impact on child find across the state, however funding for LICC operations was cut during the 2002 Legislative session, when a \$700,000 reduction was required by the state legislature to the DESE First Steps supplemental budget request. DESE made the decision to continue direct services to infants, toddlers and families and focus budget reductions on administrative functions, LICCs and training.

Child find will be significantly impacted by the requirements and performance standards being put in place for the Phase 1 SPOE RFP. Regional Interagency Coordinating Councils (RICC) will be established by the SPOEs and will work with the SPOEs to determine child find targets appropriate to each region. These targets will then be used to evaluate SPOEs on performance standards. See the RFP section in the Introduction for more information.

Due to the full implementation towards the end of the reporting year (July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003), data provided under "Baseline/Trend Data and Analysis" will be considered baseline. The focus for the majority of 2002-03 was to reach full implementation for the redesigned First Steps program.

4. Projected Targets:

The following benchmarks/targets were established in conjunction with Missouri's Improvement Plan.

The percent of children served in Part C as measured by the December child count will be consistent with the national participation rate as follows:

| Child Count as of | Target |
|-------------------|--------|
| December 2003 | 0.65% |
| December 2004 | 0.70% |
| December 2005 | 0.75% |
| December 2006 | 0.80% |
| December 2007 | 0.90% |

Additional projected targets are in the Future Activities tables.

5. & 6. Future Activities to Achieve Projected Targets/Results and Projected Timelines and Resources:

See GS.I and CC.I